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Thursday, April 18, 2019

Athens, Tennessee

Local & Area News

◆ ATHENS POLICE & FIRE REPORTS

The Athens police and fire departments gave their reports on activity in March to the Athens City Council at their Tuesday night meeting.

- The police department report shows there were 55 thefts in March, 14 assaults, 12 burglaries, four motor vehicle thefts, one robbery, and one sex offense. There were 278 citations issued for moving violations. In March, there were 66 traffic accidents with four injuries.
- Fire Chief Brandon Ainsworth reported that firefighters responded to 63 calls in March. There was one fire involving a recreational vehicle, 15 calls for medical assistance, and a variety of other calls. Total damages from fire for the month were \$82,000. That was a result of the RV fire.

◆ HOLY WEEK MIDDAY SERVICE

Today's community midday service will be at 12:05 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church with Rev. Ellen Peach. Friday's service will be at Trinity UMC, with Pastor David Spann.

Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The Mobile American Job Center will be at the McMinn County Justice Center today from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The staff will be assisting individuals with job searches, resumé writing, and interview skills. They will also assist in registering applicants for Jobs4TN, where there are over 90,000 jobs available across the state. For more information, call (423) 643-2361
- ✓ The VFW's annual Easter Egg Hunt will be this Saturday at noon. Photographs will be taken with the bunny at 11 a.m. Refreshments will be served after the hunt.
- ✓ The Cherokee Beekeeper's Association will have their next meeting on Monday, April 22nd, at 6 p.m. at the E.G. Fisher Public Library. You can learn about the importance of bees and what it's like to be a beekeeper. You will have the opportunity to view beekeeping equipment and observe a hive with bees at work (Bees in the observation hive will be enclosed). The program is open to all ages from children through adults.
- ✓ The Englewood Ram 5K Fun Run/Walk will be next Saturday, April 29th. Check-in begins at 8 a.m. at Englewood Elementary School. The race begins at 9:30 a.m. The fee is \$30 per person.

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Farmer Memorial Golf Tournament

Team and individual spots still available.
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TENNESSEE WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

Union McMinn Baptist Church
April 14th - #Redeemed Team performance 6:30pm
April 20th - Easter Drama 6:30pm Meal to follow
April 21st - Sunrise Service 7am
Sunday School 10am Worship Service 11am
I-75 Exit 56 423-568-2395

RESTAURANT SPOTLIGHT

Bojangles'
Famous Chicken 'n Biscuits
April Specials >> 2 Bacon, Egg, & Cheese Biscuits \$3.50 • Salad & Drink Combo \$5
• 12 Pc Chicken Box w/ 6 Biscuits \$24.99
• 5 Meals for \$5 Ea • 32 oz Tea \$1.00
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Senior Buffet: (Ages 55+) Monday-Friday from 2-4 p.m. ~ \$6.79.

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Monday - Friday Afternoon
4:15pm to 4:45 pm

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WEATHER FORECAST
Thursday - Cloudy. High 79.
Thursday Night - Mostly cloudy. Early t'storms. Low 58.
Friday - Cloudy. 55% rain. High 62.
Friday Night - Mostly cloudy. 56% rain. Low 42.
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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

- ♦ **Roscoe "Butch" Fortner**, age 75, of Philadelphia, died at his home. He was an Army veteran. A celebration of life will be held Saturday at 6 p.m. in the Athens chapel of Companion Funeral Home, with visitation from 4 to 6 p.m.
- ♦ **Ronald "Ronnie" Steven Watkins**, age 60, of Athens, died Tuesday at Hospice of Chattanooga. He worked for Athens Furniture and later at Gemtron. Funeral services will be 12 noon Saturday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation 5-7 p.m. Friday.
- ♦ **Kenneth Lloyd Hicks**, 75, of Athens, died Monday at his home. His wife, **Mary Gail Hicks**, 69, died Tuesday at a local hospital. A joint graveside service will be at 2:30 p.m. Friday in the Conasauga Cemetery, with visitation from noon to 2 p.m. at Companion Funeral Home, Athens.
- ♦ **Retta Merenda Gregory Howard**, 63, of Athens, died Monday at U.T. Medical Center. She was associated with Mayfield Dairy for many years. A celebration of Retta's life will be held at a later date. Smith Funeral and Cremation Services of Athens is in charge.
- ♦ **Casey Jeanette Daugherty**, age 32, of Athens, died Monday at her home. She was self-employed at Elite Auto detailing. A graveside service will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Forkner's Chapel Cemetery in Sweetwater with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Smith Funeral Home.

CITY COUNCIL RECOGNIZES MAIN STREET

Main Street Athens was presented an official Proclamation from the City of Athens at Tuesday night's City Council meeting in recognition of the successful merger between Main Street Athens and the Downtown Business Association last month. The photo from Lisa Dotson shows Mayor Chuck Burris, Main Street Director Lisa Dotson, Board Chair Patti Greek, and Vice Mayor Bo Perkinson.



High School Art Winners

The annual High School Art Show is underway through May 17th at The Arts Center in Athens. The show spotlights art by high school students in McMinn and surrounding counties. The exhibit was judged by TWU art professor and artist Jerry Hagaman. The photo below shows several of the artists who were awarded prizes: Haley Linder, Abigail Rayburn, Madison Tuck, and Darius Green.

(Photo from Lauren Brown Shepherd, Arts Council Director)



TODAY IN HISTORY - APRIL 18th

- 1775** - Paul Revere began his ride from Charlestown to Lexington, Mass., warning American colonists that the British were coming.
- 1923** - The first baseball game was played at Yankee Stadium in the Bronx, with New York beating the Boston Red Sox 4-1.
- 1942** - An air squadron led by Lt. Col. James H. Doolittle raided Tokyo and other Japanese cities.
- 1946** - The League of Nations went out of business.
- 1949** - The Irish Republic was proclaimed.
- 1955** - Physicist Albert Einstein died at age 76.
- 1978** - The U.S. Senate approved the Panama Canal Treaty, providing for the complete turnover of control of the waterway to Panama on the last day of 1999.
- 1983** - A suicide bomber killed 63 people, including 17 Americans, at the U.S. Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon.
- 1989** - Thousands of Chinese students demanding democracy tried to storm Communist Party headquarters in Beijing.
- 1999** - Wayne Gretzky, the National Hockey League's all-time leading scorer, played his last professional game, at Madison Square Garden in New York.

Sunday Easter Dinner
April 21

Spiral Ham with Cinnamon Apples
Potatoes Au Gratin
Green Beans
\$10.95

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